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machine tools observed at Factory 393

As far as could be determined, the machines consisted almost entirely of dismantled equipment from Zeiss, Jena. The machines were the standard types found in any similar optical equipment plant. The total number of machines is unknown. The condition of the machines was excellent since the German specialists had supervised the installation and necessary reparations. The German specialists were not allowed in many parts of the plant.

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copies of the Zeiss machines had been built

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It was assumed that the small cameras were used in research and for the civilian market. Aerial cameras and photogrammetric equipment were probably sent to the Soviet Air Force. Kinotheodolites were repaired for various military units

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periscope production

No periscopes were manufactured at Factory 393. A large lathe used for that purpose had been transported from Jena to the plant, but it remained outside for a long period of time and was not used. Later it was transported to a destination unknown. A number of partially finished tubes for periscopes had been taken from Jena but were used for lamp posts in the Cultural Park. Later the tubes were removed when a requirement for special tubing, to be used in the construction of several colimators for use in the plant, could not be fulfilled from the plant supply. While the lathe was in the plant area, the German specialists and Soviet supervisors often commented, "Here is this expensive machine outside, unprotected from the elements; what a waste of materiel." It is possible that the machine was sent to Leningrad to one of the optical plants located there. Units of the Soviet Navy are based at Leningrad, so it is possible that periscopes are produced in one of the optical plants.

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